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Intelligence Director Retiring

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The changing of the guard as Donald Rumsfeld replaces James R. Schlesinger as Secretary of Defense will trigger a number of related resignations at the Pentagon.

Robert Ellsworth, assistant secretary of defense for international security affairs, has already resigned from that office — sometimes called "the little State Department" because it specializes in assessing the diplomatic consequences of arms policies.

Ellsworth, according to Pentagon officials, felt frustrated because he could not get past Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger to present views to the White House different from the ones President Ford was getting from Kissinger.

Lt. Gen. Daniel O. Graham, director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, confirmed yesterday that he was

retiring because "I'm a Schlesinger man."

The general said "nobody asked me to retire" but he decided to do so on Sunday night after hearing the news reports that Schlesinger had been fired.

There have been reports that Kissinger blamed both Schlesinger and Graham for letting the American Security Council publish last month a previously classified DIA study which said "for the Soviets, detente is intended to facilitate their attainment of ultimate, overall dominance of the West." The American Security Council is a private organization specializing in defense issues.

Other members of the Schlesinger team will leave the Pentagon shortly because of their close personal relationships with him and the belief that Rumsfeld will want to pick his own inner circle.

However, the departures from the world's largest military establishment will not amount to dismantling the Pentagon's executive superstructure.

There is no indication that the secretaries of the Army, Navy and Air Force are about to leave, nor that there will be any wholesale resignation of generals or admirals to protest the firing of Schlesinger.

"Also, many of the assistant secretaries of defense have no special link with Schlesinger but instead are old hands whom Rumsfeld most likely will want to keep around as he tackles one of the most

complicated jobs in government.

The process of preparing the fiscal 1977 budget to be presented to Congress in election year 1976 is so far along, for example, that Rumsfeld will not be able to change it much.

He thus will have to rely heavily on the people who have taken the lead in preparing it — such as William P. Clements, deputy secretary of defense. So it is unlikely that Rumsfeld will try to clean house.

Even if he wanted to do so, it would be difficult to recruit qualified executives to take what might turn out to be one-year posts at the Pentagon. This reluctance to join the Ford administration right now is a major reason why the job

of assistant secretary of defense for installations and logistics has been vacant for the last seven months.

Similarly, the post of general counsel for the Pentagon has been vacant since August when Martin R. Hoffman left it to become Secretary of the Army. Hoffman was Rumsfeld's college roommate.

A nomination for the Pentagon general counsel job has finally been sent to the White House.

Pentagon executives who are so close to Schlesinger that they are likely to leave soon include:

Joseph Laitin, Pentagon press secretary. Some Pentagon officials are speculating that William I. Greener Jr., White House deputy press secretary, might replace Laitin. Greener knows the Pentagon from his days there as an Air Force public information officer. He retired with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

John M. Maury, assistant secretary for legislative affairs, who came from the Central Intelligence Agency to the Pentagon. Maury said he was willing to stay on but added that he assumes Rumsfeld will want "to bring in his own people."

Donald R. Cotter, assistant for atomic energy, special assistants Thomas K. Latimer and Francis J. (Bing) West Jr., and Andrew W. Marshall, who directs the office that assesses relative military strengths. All are members of Schlesinger's inner circle who are expected to be replaced by Rumsfeld men.



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